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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Akihiko SHIMIZU et al.

Serial No.: 09/406,570

Group Art Unit: 2653

Date Filed: September 24, 1999

Examiner: A. Psitos

For: OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM WITH A PARTITION WALL
BETWEEN AN INFORMATION TRACKS GROOVE AND A PREFORMAT PIT
ENCODING INFORMATION THEREFOR

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

It is respectfully requested that the period for filing a response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2002 be extended by three additional months, i.e. from January 18, 2003 to April 18, 2003.


The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$930.00 statutory extension fee for response within the third month pursuant to 1.136 (a) by a large entity and any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, during prosecution of this application to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted by facsimile transmission this date and deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box AF, Washington, D.C. 20231.

 March 20, 2003
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